



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE TRIAL COURT
John Adams Courthouse
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Jonathan S. Williams
Court Administrator

April 24, 2019

Mr. Todd Wallack
The Boston Globe

Dear Mr. Wallack,

The Trial Court received your March request for compiled show cause data for FY18. You also requested additional data related to that request.

We reviewed your request in March with representatives of the various court departments. The Trial Court's Department of Research (DRAP) is currently working on compiling the FY18 show cause data. Please note that compiling data from our case processing system is a resource intensive effort and takes time. We anticipate that we will be able to provide this to you in a couple of weeks and will keep you updated.

As to the additional data you requested, the director of DRAP and departmental representatives advised that court records do not reflect the data you have requested relative to the frequency of show cause hearings on felony cases brought by law enforcement where law enforcement officers did not request or consent to the hearings, or the frequency of criminal cases held open after a show cause hearing without the consent of the parties involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Williams".

Jonathan Williams
Trial Court Administrator